



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Office of the Governor

Terence R. McAuliffe
Governor

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Dear Fellow Virginians:

I am honored to launch the 2016 Stewardship Virginia spring campaign, which will run April 1 through May 31, 2016. Stewardship Virginia will encourage volunteers to participate in projects that conserve Virginia's landscapes, improve water quality, increase recreational opportunities, and help fisheries and wildlife.

Citizens, businesses, and service groups across the Commonwealth are encouraged to get involved by adopting streams, planting buffers, improving wildlife habitats, and participating in educational and recreational programs. This year, a special emphasis will be placed on establishing habitat for pollinators.

Virginia's natural resource agencies and others will engage in these efforts, and I will thank participants with personal certificates of appreciation. Given your commitment to wise stewardship, I am asking you to undertake one or more projects and to register your event or activity with Stewardship Virginia. You can register on-line or complete the attached registration form and mail or fax it to the address listed. Or, if you prefer, you can volunteer for one of the projects sponsored by our natural resource agencies. You can find a list of opportunities at www.dcr.virginia.gov/stewardship.

If you have any questions, please call Bonnie Phillips with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation at (804) 786-5056.

Virginia's landscapes and waterways are important for their ecological significance, scenic beauty, and recreational value. Thank you for supporting our efforts to protect them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Terence R. McAuliffe", written over a large, stylized blue flourish.

Terence R. McAuliffe